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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re

TELECOMEZ, CORP SDPUC Docket No.

thear Sir.

Emclosed for filing with the Commission please find an original and ten (10) copies of the above captioned corporation's Application for a Certificate of Authority to transact the business of a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within South Dakota, along with a check in the amount of \$250.00 to cover filing fees relating to same.

Aiso enclosed is an exact duplicate of this letter. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return same to me in the enclosed postage pre-paid, addressed envelope.

Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me.

Very truly Mus.

EARLY LENNON DETERS & CROCKER, P.L.C.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF:		SEP 1.7 ZUU1
THE APPLICATION OF TELECOMEZ CORP. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INITIAL TARIFF))))	SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO
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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

TELECOMEZ CORP. (hereinafter "Applicant") respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") grant Applicant authority pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3 and in accordance with ARSD 20:10:24:02 to provide intrastate telecommunications services to the public within South Dakota through the resale of similar services offered by other interexchange carriers ("IXCs") in the State. Applicant further requests that the Commission approve its initial proposed tariff. Applicant, for purposes of verification, and in evidence of its fitness to operate and the public need for its services, offers the following information in support of this Application:

Identification of the Applicant

- 1. Applicant maintains its headquarters at 113 A-3 Coronado Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525.
- 2. Applicant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado. A copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicant has the authority to transact business within the State of Colorado as a foreign corporation. A copy of the qualifying document is set forth in **Exhibit B** hereto.

Correspondence regarding this Application should be directed to:

Patrick D. Crocker EARLY, LENNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ, P.L.C. 900 Comerica Building Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4752 (616) 381-8844

The name of Applicant's Registered Agent, and the address of the registered office of the corporation in South Dakota is:

Ronald D. Olinger, Esq. 117 E. Capitol Pierre, SD 57500-0066

Description of Authority Requested

- Applicant seeks authority to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services to the public on a statewide basis. Applicant seeks authority to offer a full range of "1+" macroschange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, Applicant seeks authority to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services.
 - Applicant does not intend to provide operator services, 900 or 700 services.
- 7. Applicant owns no transmission facilities. Applicant will offer service to its solucibles using facilities of the communications networks of Global Crossings, other facilities—based IXCs and the local exchange telephone companies ("LECs").
- Applicant has no plans at this time to construct any telecommunications transmission facilities of its own and seeks no construction authority by means of this Application. Applicant will operate exclusively as a reseller.
- Applicant will abide by all rules governing telecommunications resellers which the Commission has promulgated or may promulgate in the future, unless application of such rules in specifically waived by the Commission.

Proposed Services

- Applicant intends to offer MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services to subscribers within South Dakota. Applicant combines high quality transmission services with very competitive rates, flexible end user billing, professional customer service and excellent reporting to create a unique blend which meets the individualized needs of such customers.
- Applicant's services are designed to be especially attractive to primarily residential
- Applicant's intends to engage in "switchless" resale. Applicant will arrange for the traffic of underlying subscribers to be routed directly over the networks of Applicant's network providers.
- Applicant is committed to the use of ethical sales practices. All distributors of its products must commit in writing to market Applicant's services in a professional manner, and to fairly and accurately portray Applicant's services and the charges for them.

Description and Fitness of Applicant

Applicant's officers have extensive managerial, financial and technical experience with which to execute the business plan described herein. Applicant's management personnel represent a broad spectrum of business and technical disciplines, possessing many years of individual and aggregate telecommunications experience. In support of Applicant's managerial and technical ability to provide the services for which authority is sought herein, Applicant submits a description of the background and experience of its current management team as **Exhibit C**. In support of Applicant's financial ability to provide the proposed services, Applicant attaches a recent lacome Statement and Balance Sheet as **Exhibit D**.

Public Interest Considerations

- Applicant's entry into the South Dakota marketplace is in the public interest because Applicant intends to make a uniquely attractive blend of service quality, network management and reparting, and low rates available.
- In addition to the direct benefits delivered to the public by its services, Applicant's the South Dakota marketplace will benefit the public indirectly by increasing the competitive pressure felt by existing IXCs, spurring them to lower costs and improve services in

Requested Regulatory Treatment

Applicant is a non-dominant reseller of interexchange telecommunications services.

Applicant requests to be regulated by the Commission in the same relaxed fashion extended to other, situated resellers.

Initial Proposed Tariff

Applicant proposes to offer service pursuant to the rules, regulations, rates and other and conditions included in Applicant's initial proposed tariff which is attached hereto as Exhibit E. Billing, payment, credit, deposit and collection terms are set forth in Applicant's proposed tariff.

Compliance with ARSD 20:10:24:02

In accordance with ARSD 20:10:24:02, Applicant provides the following

(1). The name, address and telephone number of Applicant:

TELECOMEZ CORP. 113 A-3 Coronado Court Fort Collins, CO 80525

(2). Applicant shall provide services under the name:

TELECOMEZ CORP.

- (3). (a) See paragraph 2 of this Application.
 - (b) Applicant has no principal office in South Dakota. Applicant's registered agent is set forth in paragraph 4 hereinabove.
 - (c) A copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation is attached as Exhibit

 A.
 - (d) A list of the names and addresses of Applicant's current Officers and Board of Directors:

Thiam Gan President/ Sec./ Treas. Director 113 A-3 Coronado Court Fort Collins, CO 80525

Sanshiro Fukada

Director

(e) The names of Applicant's shareholders and numbers of shares held by each:

ShareholdersPercentageThiam Gan44%Sanshiro Fukada56%

- (f) No corporation, association, or partnership own any interest in Applicant.
- (g) Applicant owns or controls no subsidiaries.

- (4). Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of Colorado.
- (5). See paragraph 5 of the Application.
- (6). See paragraph 6 of the Application.
- (7). Applicant shall offer services on all equal access areas within the State of South Dakota. Accordingly, Applicant does not attach a map describing service boundaries.
- (8). See Exhibits D and E attached hereto.
- (9). All complaints and regulatory matters should be directed to Applicant's attorney as set forth in paragraph 3 of this Application.

Applicant's Cost for Underlying Transport Services

Applicant proposes to resell services within South Dakota in excess of Applicant's of purchasing services from Applicant's underlying carrier Global Crossings. Applicant purchases intrustate services from Global Crossings for approximately \$0.10 per minute and resells the public for approximately \$0.16 a minute.

Conclusion

A decision by the Commission to grant Applicant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is plainly in the public interest. Applicant will introduce important new products and very competitive rates as well as enhance the competitiveness of the overall long distance market in South Dakota.

WHEREFORE, TELECOMEZ CORP. respectfully requests that this Commission grant it authority to transact the business of a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, that the Commission regulate it in a streamlined fashion, and that the Commission approve Applicant's initial proposed tariff effective on the date of the Order granting authority.

Respectfully submitted,

TÉLECOMEZ CORP.

Dated 1/1/01

By:

Patrick D. Crocker

EARLY, LENNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ,

P.L.C.

0900 Comerica Building Kalamazoo, MI 49007-4752

Its: Attorneys

VERIFICATION

These Can. President for TELECOMEZ CORP., first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and the last read the foregoing Application and verifies that the statements made therein are true

TELECOMEZ CORP.

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Thiam Gan, President

The frequency instrument was acknowledged before me this 3/ day of 1/20, 2001 by

Votary Public

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My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT A

ARTICILES OF INCORPORATIONS - COSTOMER CONVENTION OF INDICENTAL PROPERTY OF STATE OF TELECOMEZ CORP. COLDRAND SECRETARY OF STATE

The undersigned incorporator, a natural person of the age of 18 years or more, in order to form a corporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is TelecomEZ Corp. (the "Curporation").

ARTICLE II Period of Dyration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III
Objects and Purposes

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The Corporation is organized to carry on any and all lawful business, whatsdever, for which corporations may be organized pursuant to the Colorado Business Corporation Act. to have and exercise all powers, privileges and immunities now or hereafter conferred upon or permitted to expectations by the laws of the State of Colorado. The Corporation may do everything and anything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of its corporate purposes. The Corporation may conduct part or all of its business in any part of Colorado, the United States or anywhere else and may hold, purchase, mortgage, lease and convey real and personal property in any of such places.

It is the intention that the purposes, objects and powers specified above shall not except as otherwise expressed, be limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause in these Articles of Incorporation, but each purpose, object or power stated in the foregoing clauses shall be regarded as an independent purpose, object or power.

ARTICLE IV Number of Shares

The total number of shares of all classes of stock that the Corporation is authorized to issue is 25,000,000 shares, each with no par value per share, of which 15,000,000 shares shall be classified as common shares ("Common Shares") and 10,000,000 shares shall be classified as preferred shares ("Preferred Shares"). The designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of the shares of the Common Shares and Preferred Shares are:

- Common Shares. The voting, dividend and liquidation rights of holders of Common Shares are subject to and qualified by the rights of holders of Preferred Shares as determined by the Board of Directors upon designation of any series of Preferred Shares, Holders of Common Shares shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by them at all meetings of shareholders except meetings at which only holders of other classes of shares are entitled to vote. Dividends may be declared and paid on Common Shares from funds lawfully available therefor as and when determined by the Board of Directors and subject to the dividend rights of any outstanding Preferred Shares. Upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of Common Shares shall be entitled to receive all assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its shareholders, subject to any preferential rights of outstanding Preferred Shares.
- Preferred Shares. Preferred Shares may be issued in one or more series as shall created and authorized to be issued by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is authorized to designate the powers, preferences and relative, optional and other special rights of the shares of each series of Preferred Shares, and the qualifications, limitation and restrictions thereof, including (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) any of the following with respect to which the Hoard of Directors shall determine to make effective provisions:
 - the distinctive name and serial designation; *i*)
 - ii) the dividend payment dates;
 - the rate or rates at which dividends, if any, shall be paid; iii)
 - whether dividends are to be cumulative or noncumulative and any preferential or other special rights with respect to the payment of dividends;
 - whether any series shall be redeemable and, if so, the terms, conditions and manner of sudemption and the redemption price or prices; vi)
 - the rights of a series on voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, including the amount or amounts of preferential or other payment to which any series is cotified over any other series or over the Common Shares;
 - any sinking fund, redemption or retirement provisions and the extent to which the charges therefor are to have priority over the payment of dividends on any other series or over dividends on the Common Shares; viii)
 - the number of shares of such series;
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Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors providing for the issue thereof, shares of any series of Preferred Shares which shall be issued and thereafter acquired by the Corporation through purchase, redemption, conversion or otherwise, may by resolution of the Board of Directors be returned to the status of authorized but unissued Preferred Shares of the same or other series. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Buard of Directors providing for the issue thereof, the number of authorized shares of any such series may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by resolution of the Board of Directors. In case the number of shares of any such series of Preferred Shares shall

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be decreased, the shares representing such decrease shall, unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors providing for the issuance thereof, resume the status of authorized but unissued Preferred Shares, undesignated as to series.

ARTICLE V

The husiness and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Hoard of Directors. The number of directors constituting the Board of the Directors shall be fixed in the manner provided in the Hylaws of the Corporation. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) persons, the names and addresses of such person are as follows:

Name	Address
Thiam Gan	113A Coronado Court Fort Collins, Colorado 80525
Sanshiro Fukada	113A Coronado Court Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

ARTICLE VI Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 215 West Oak Street, 10th Flour, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 and the name of its registered agent at such address is Joel M. Funk.

ARTICLE VII Principal Office

The address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 113A Coronado Ct., For Collins, Culorado 80525.

ARTICLE VIII Cumulative Voting

Cumulative voting shall not be allowed in the election of directors.

ARTICLE IX Preemptive Rights

No Shareholders shall have a preemptive right to purchase, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire unissued or treasury shares of the Corporation or securities convertible into such shares or carrying a right to subscribe to or acquire such shares.

ARTICLE X Limitations of Liability

No director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or to its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director; except to the extent limited by Section 7-108-402(1) of the Colorado Business Corporation Act.

The foregoing provisions of this Articles shall be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and each director and officer who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article is in effect, and any repeal or modification hereof shall not affect the rights or obligations then or theresofore existing or any action, suit or proceeding theretofore or thereafter brought based in whole or in part upon any such stated facts.

ARTICLE XI Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator are: Joel M. Funk, 215 West Oak Street, 10th Flour. Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation this production, 2001.

Incomporator

Joel M. Funk hereby consents to the appointment as the initial registered agent for TelecomEz Curp.

Initial Registered Agent

EXHIBIT B

State of South Bakota



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate of Authority

ORGANIZATIONAL ID #: FB025421

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of TELECOMEZ CORP. (VA) to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law. I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Scal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this August 14, 2001.

Joyce Hazeltine Secretary of State



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Application for Certificate of Authority

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EXHIBIT C



Management Team

Tim C. Gan, President and CEO

Gun has more than 18 years of experience in the telecommunications market in the United States and Asia Pacific. He was one of two co-founders of the telecommunications software company, ISC, based in Virginia and started a telecommunications line of business for Stratus Computer in the Asia Pacific region.

The last six years found Mr. Gan leading the organization at Stratus South Asia where he was the Managing Director and a member of the Board, as well as being the Regional Director of Telecommunications Industry for Asia Pacific region. Prior to Stratus, he co founded ISDN Systems Corporation (ISC), a company that specializes in ISDN and frame relay market. Before ISC, Mr. Gan held various senior management and engineering positions with Data General Telecommunications, Northern Telecom, Inc. and Shell Oil - Communications Division.

Mr. Gan holds a BSEE from West Virginia Institute of Technology, an MS in Telecommunications from Southern Methodist University, and the Executive Management Program from Stanford University of Singapore.

Seesahiro Fukada, Chairman of the Board

Fukada is most well known as the creator of the 'LCR in the Phone' technology in the Japan selection industry. His introduction of the LCR technology in the DDI network constituted significantly to the success of the DDI long-distance business (with more than 20 miles LCR telephones sold to residential customers).

Fig. is also one of two leaders that contributed to the success of the PHS industry in Japan. Mr. Fokada is the founder of Alliance Plus One Corporation, a company that specializes in strategic management relationships and telecommunications consulting services to companies in the USA and Japan. Prior to that, Mr. Fukada served as the Chief Research Officer and Managing Director of KNO (Kyocera ODI Institute of Future Telecommunications).

Betwee KDI, he held various senior management positions with DDI, including director on the want of DDI Pocket and general manager of DDI R&D division where he invented the alpha LCR displant telephones. Prior to DDI, Mr. Fukada was with NTT Data division.

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EXHIBIT D

TelecomEZ Corporation Balance Sheet

July 31, 2001

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Common Stock	100,000.00	
Year-to-Date Earnings	(61,978.24)	
TOTAL CAPITAL	**************************************	38,021.76
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July 31, 2001

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TelecomEZ Corporation

Income Statement

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Legal & Accounting	5,384 97	20,233.62
Consulting & Software Support	1,000.00	3,406.50
Billing Software Expense	804.20	804.20
Franchise Tax	100.00	100.00
Filtra Free	2,667.84	35,091.67
Office Expense	109,79	417.09
Freight & Postage	0.00	152,00
Telecommunication expense	1,323.16	1,773.16
TOTAL Expenses	11,389,96	61,978.24
OFERATING PROFIT	(11,389.96)	(61,978.24)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	(11,389.96)	(61,978.24)
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This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for reformunications services within the State of South Dakota by TELECOMEZ CORP. ("Company"). This Tariff is on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and copies may also be inspected, during normal business hours, at the following location: 113 A-3 Coronado Court, Fort Collins, (X) \$33.25.

Effective:

Issued by:

Thiam Gan, President TELECOMEZ CORP.

113 A-3 Coronado Court

CHECK SHEET

The table page and pages 1-40 inclusive of this Tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised shows, as started below, comprise all changes from the original Tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (D) To signify discontinued material
- (I) To signify a rate or charge increase
- (M) To signify material relocated without change in text or rate
- (N) To signify new material
- (R) To signify a reduction
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

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TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

For the purpose of this Tariff, the following definitions will apply:

Access Coordination

Provides for the design, ordering, installation, coordination, pre-service testing, service turn-up and mantenance on a Company or Customer provided Local Access Channel.

Administrative Change

A change in Customer billing address or contact name.

Alignatic Access

Alternate Access is a form of Local Access except that the provider of the Service is an entity, other than the Local Exchange Carrier, authorized or permitted to provide such Service. The charges for Alternate Access may be subject to private agreement rather than published or special tariff if permitted by applicable governmental rules.

Application for Service

A standard Company order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide a communication Service as required.

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ASR (Access Service Request) means an order placed with a Local Access Provider for Local Access.

Authorized User

A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to receive or send communications or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to send or receive communications.

Dandwidth

The total frequency band, in hertz, allocated for a channel.

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The date on which billing information is compiled and sent to the Customer.

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A completed connection between the Calling and Called Stations.

Called Station

The witchesse number called.

California Station

The telephone number from which a Call originates.

Constitution of Order

A Customer instance request to discontinue processing a Service order, either in part or in its completely, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each Circuit-end or Deducated Access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by the Company, under the following circumstances: (1) if the LEC has confirmed in writing to the Company that the Circuit-end or Deducated Access line will be installed; or (2) if the Company has already submitted facilities and an interconnecting telephone company.

Change of Cucon

A deducated communications path between two or more points having a Bandwidth or Transmission speed specified in this Tariff and selected by a Customer.

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Campany Recognized National Holidays

The following are Company Recognized National Holidays determined at the location of the wignester of the Call: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Indignature Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

The evening rate is used unless a lower rate would normally apply. When a Call begins in one rate period and ends in another, the rate in effect in each rate period applies to the portion of the Call securing within that rate period. In the event that a minute is split between two rate periods, the securing at the start of that minute applies.

Customer

The person. firm, corporation or governmental unit which orders Service and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's Tariff regulations. A Customer is considered to be an account for billing purposes. The term Customer also includes an entity that remains presubscribed to the Company Service after its account(s) are removed from the Company's billing system, subsequently continues to use Company's network, and is billed by a local exchange carrier for such use, or otherwise uses Service for which no other Customer is obligated to company.

Customer Premises/Customer's Premises

Locations designated by a Customer where Service is originated/terminated whether for its own

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DCS means Digital Cross-Connect System.

Dedicated Access/Special Access

Deducated Local Access between the Customer's Premises or serving wire center and the Company's Point-of-Presence for origination or termination of Calls.

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DS-6 means Digital Signal Level 0 Service and is a 64 Kbps signal.

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Digital Signal Level 1 Service and is a 1.544 Mbps signal.

235-0 with VI Access

Dis-0 Service with VF Local Access facilities provides for the transmission of analog voice and/or state within 300 Hz to 3000 Hz frequency range.

135-9 with DIDS Access

Service with DDS Access facilities provides for the transmission of digital data at speeds 2.4. 45, 95 or 56 Kbps.

Date Date

The Date is the date on which payment is due.

Landing

A Service order untrated at the request of the Customer that is processed in a time period shorter than the Company's standard Service interval.

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Individual Case Basis (ICB)

tendevidual Case Basis (ICB) determinations involve situations where complex Customer-specific Company arrangements are required to satisfactorily serve the Customer. The nature of such Service requirements makes it difficult or impossible to establish general tariff provisions for such customers. When it becomes possible to determine specific terms and conditions for such offerings, they will be offered pursuant to such terms and conditions.

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The connection of a Circuit, Dedicated Access line, or port for new, changed or an additional

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Interexchange Service

Interexchange Service means that portion of a communications change between a surface designated Point-of-Presence in one exchange and a Point-of-Presence in autobar evolutions

Interruption

Interruption shall mean a condition whereby the Service of a portion thereof is interested beginning at the time of notice by the Customer to Company that such Service is interested and ending at the time of restoration.

Kbps

Kilobits per second.

LATA (Local Access Transpert Area)

A geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications between all a local exchange company.

Local Access

Local Access means the Service between a Customer Premises and a Company designated Projects

Presence

Local Access Provider

Local Access Provider means an entity providing Local Access

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

The local teicphone utility that provides to a place of the provides to be a provided to be

Mbps

Megabits per second.

Multiplexing

Multiplexing is the sequential combinating of lower bit time Process tone Services onto a legisla but rate Private Line Service for more efficient facility capacity usage of view works.

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Not available.

Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring Charges are one-time charges.

Payment Method

The manner which the Customer designates as the means of billing charges for Calls using the Company's Service.

Physical Change

The modification of an existing Circuit, Dedicated Access line or port, at the request of the Customer, requiring some Physical Change or retermination.

Point-of-Presence (POP)

A Company-designated location where a facility is maintained for the purpose of providing access to its Service.

Pramary Route

The route which, in the absence of Customer-designated routing or temporary re-routing, would be used by the Company in the provision of Service.

Private Line

A dedicated transmission channel furnished to a customer without intermediate switching arrangements for full-time customer use.

Private Line Service

A dedicated full-time transmission Service utilizing dedicated access arrangements.

Rate Center

A specified geographical location used for determining mileage measurements.

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Requested Service Date

The Requested Service Date is the date requested by the Customer for commencement of Service and agreed to by the Company.

Restore

To make Service operative following an interruption by repair, reassignment, re-routing, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the carrier(s) involved.

Route Diversity

Two channels which are furnished partially or entirely over two physically separate routes.

Service

Service means any or all Service(s) provided pursuant to this Tariff.

Service Commitment Period

The term elected by the Customer and stated on the Service order during which the Company will provide the Services subscribed to by the Customer. The term can be monthly or in the case of Private Line Services for a period of up to 5 years.

Special Promotional Offerings

Special trial offerings, discounts, or modifications of its regular Service offerings which the Company may, from time to time, offer to its Customers for a particular Service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times, and locations.

Start of Service Date

The Requested Service Date or the date Service first is made available by the Company whichever is later.

Tariff

The current Intrastate Services Tariff and effective revisions thereto filed by the Company with the Commission.

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Transmission Speed

Data transmission speed or rate, in bits per seconds (bps).

Two-Way Conversation

A Two-Way Conversation is a telephone conversation between or among two or more parties.

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VF is voice frequency or voice-grade Service designed for private-line Service. Normal transmission is in the 300 hertz to 3000 hertz frequency band.

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2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Description and Limitations of Services
- 2.1.1. Intrastate Telecommunications Service ("Service") is the furnishing of Company communication Services contained herein between specified locations under the terms of this Tariff.
- 2.1.2. Any member of the general public (including any natural person or legally organized entity such as a corporation, partnership, or governmental body) is entitled to obtain Service under this Tariff, provided that the Company reserves the right to deny Service: (A) to any Customer that, in the Company's reasonable opinion, presents an undue risk of nonpayment, (B) in circumstances in which the Company has reason to believe that the use of the Service would violate the provisions of this Tariff or any applicable law or if any applicable law restricts or prohibits provision of the Service, or (C) if insufficient facilities are available to provide the Service (in such cases Company shall make best efforts to accommodate the needs of all potential Customers by means of facility improvements or purchases, of capacity, if such efforts will, in the Company's opinion, provide the Company with a reasonable return on its expenditures), but only for so long as such unavailability exists.
- 2.1.3. Company, when acting at the Customer's request and as its authorized agent, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for Service requirements, such as special routing, Diversity, Alternate Access, or circuit conditioning.
- 2.1.4. Service is offered in equal access exchanges subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this Tariff. Company reserves the right to refuse to provide Service to or from any location where the necessary facilities and/or equipment are not available.
- 2.1.5. Service may be discontinued after five business days written notice to the Customer if:
 - 2.1.5.A. the Customer is using the Service in violation of this Tariff; or
 - 2.1.5.B. the Customer is using the Service in violation of the law or Commission regulation.
- 2.1.6. Service begins on the date that billing becomes effective and is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24 hours per day. For the purposes of computing charges in this Tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- 2.1.7. Service will be provided until canceled, by the Customer on not less than thirty (30) days' written notice from the date of postmark on the letter giving notice of cancellation.

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- 2.1.8. Nothing herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any person any ownership, interest, or proprietary right in any code or 800 number issued by the Company to its Customers.
- 2.1.9. The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing Services or billing options, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control. Conditions beyond the Company's control include, but are not limited to, a Customer's having Call volume or a calling pattern that results, or may result, in network blockage or other Service degradation which adversely affects Service to the calling party, the Customer, or other Customers of the Company.
- 2.1.10. Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff or as specified in writing by the party entitled to receive Service, notice may be given orally or in writing to the persons whose names and business addresses appear on the executed Service order and the effective date of any notice shall be the date of delivery of such notice, not the date of mailing. By written notice. Company or Customer may change the party to receive notice and/or the address to which such notice is to be delivered. In the event no Customer or Company address is provided in the executed Service order, notice shall be given to the last known business address of Customer or, as appropriate.

2.2. Other Terms and Conditions

- 2.2.1. The name(s) of the Customer(s) desiring to use the Service must be stipulated in the Application for Service.
- 2.2.2. The Customer agrees to operate the Company provided equipment in accordance with instructions of the Company or the Company's agent. Failure to do so will void the Company liability for interruption of Service and may make Customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to Section 2.2.3 below.
- 2.2.3. Customer agrees to return to the Company all Company-provided equipment delivered to Customer within five (5) days of termination of the Service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to Customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse the Company, upon demand, for any costs incurred by the Company due to Customer's failure to comply with this provision.
- 2.2.4. A Customer shall not use any service-mark or trademark of the Company or refer to the Company in connection with any product, equipment, promotion, or publication of the Customer without prior written approval of the Company.

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- 2.2.5. In the event suit is brought or any attorney is retained by the Company to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Company shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other remedy, reimbursement for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- 2.2.6. The provision of Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company and the Customer nor result in joint Service offerings to their respective Customers.
- 2.2.7. The rate or volume discount level applicable to a Customer for a particular Service or Services shall be the rate or volume discount level in effect at the beginning of the monthly billing period applicable to the Customer for the particular Service or Services. When a Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge, account charge, port charge or other recurring charge or Nonrecurring Charge for both intrastate and interstate Service, only one such charge shall apply per account and that charge shall be the interstate charge.
- 2.2.8. Service requested by Customer and to be provided pursuant to this Tariff shall be requested on Company Service Order forms in effect from time to time or Customer's forms accepted in writing by an authorized headquarters representative of the Company (collectively referred to as "Service Orders").
- 2.2.9. If an entity other than the company (e.g., another carrier or a supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with a Service that entity's charges will be passed through to the Customer also.
- 2.2.10. The Service Commitment Period for any Service shall be established by the Service Order relevant thereto and commence on the Start of Service Date. Upon expiration, each Service Commitment Period for such Service shall automatically be extended subject to written notice of termination by either Company or Customer as of a date not less than thirty (30) days after delivery of said notice to the other. The charges for Interexchange Service during any such extension shall not exceed the then current Company month-to-month charges applicable to such Service.

2.3. Liability

2.3.1. Except as provided otherwise in this Tariff, the Company shall not be hable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing Services to restore service in compliance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

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- 2.3.2. The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies (including any Company affiliate that is a participating or concurring carrier) furnishing a portion of the Service or facilities, equipment, or Services associated with such Service.
- 2.3.3. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer provided terminal equipment with the Company facilities. The Customer shall ensure that the signals emitted into the Company's network do not damage Company equipment, injure personnel or degrade Service to other Customers. The Customer is responsible for securing all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the customer shall comply with applicable LEC signal power limitations.
- 2.3.4. The Company may rely on Local Exchange Carriers or other third parties for the performance of other Services such as Local Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company may act as agent for Customer in obtaining such other Services. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by untimely Installation or non-operation of Customer provided facilities and equipment.
- 2.3.5. The failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, the waiver of any term or conditions herein, or the granting of an extension of time for performance by the Company or the Customer shall not constitute the permanent waiver of any term or condition herein. Each of the provisions shall remain at all time in full force and effect until modified in writing.
- 2.3.6. In the event parties other than Customer (e.g., Customer's customers) shall have use of the Service directly or indirectly through Customer, then Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold Company and any affiliated or unaffiliated third-party, third-party provider or operator of facilities employed in provision of the Service harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties arising out of or relating to any Defects.
- 2.3.7. In the event that Company is required to perform a Circuit redesign due to maccurate information provided by the Customer; or, circumstances in which such costs and expenses are caused by the Customer or reasonably incurred by the Company for the benefit of the Customer, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.

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2.4. Cancellation of Service by a Customer

- 2.4.1. If a Customer cancels a Service Order before the Service begins, before completion of the Minimum Period, or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be levied upon the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by Installation and monthly charges. If, based on a Service order by a Customer, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no Services provided, the nonrecoverable costs of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.
- 2.4.2. Upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, either Customer or Company shall have the right, without cancellation charge or other liability, to cancel the affected portion of the Service, if the Company is prohibited by governmental authority from furnishing said portion, or if any material rate or term contained herein and relevant to the affected Service is substantially changed by order of the highest court of competent jurisdiction to which the matter is appeal, the Federal Communications Commission, or other local, state or federal government authority.

2.5. Cancellation for Cause by the Company

- 2.5.1. Upon nonpayment of any sum owing to the Company, or upon a violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of Service under this Tariff, the Company may, upon five business days written notification to the Customer, except in extreme cases, without incurring any liability, immediately discontinue the furnishing of such Service. The written notice may be separate and apart from the regular monthly bill for service. Customer shall be deemed to have canceled Service as of the date of such disconnection and shall be liable for any cancellation charges set forth in this Tariff.
- 2.5.2. Without incurring any liability, the Company may discontinue the furnishing of Service(s) to a Customer upon five business days written notice if the Company deems that such action is necessary to prevent or to protect against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or Services under the following circumstances, except under extreme cases where the customer may be disconnected immediately and without notice:
 - 2.5.2.A. if the Customer refuses to furnish information to the Company regarding the Customer's credit-worthiness, its past or current use of common carrier communications Services or its planned use of Service(s);
 - 2.5.2.B. if the Customer provides false information to the Company regarding the Customer's identity, address, credit-worthiness, past or current use of Customer communications Services, or its planned use of the Company Service(s);

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- if the Customer states that it will not comply with a request of the 2.5.2.C Company for reasonable security for the payment for Service(s):
- if the Customer has been given five business days written notice in a 252D separate mailing by the Company of any past due amount (which remains unpaid in whole or in part) for any of the Company's communications Services to which the Customer either subscribes or had subscribed or used:
- in the event of unauthorized use. 2.5.2.E.
- Following the disconnection of service for any of these reasons, the 2.5.2.F. Company or the local exchange utility acting as Company agent, will notify the telephone user/customer that service was disconnected and why. The notice will include all reasons for the disconnection and will include a tollfree number where an end user/customer can obtain additional information. Notice shall be deemed given upon deposit, postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail to the end user's/customer's last known address and in compliance with the Commission's rules.
- The discontinuance of Service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve 2.5.3. the Customer of any obligations to pay the Company for charges due and owing for Service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance. The remedies set forth herein shall not be exclusive and the Company shall at all times be entitled to all rights available to it under either law or equity.

2.6. Credit Allowance

- 2.6.1. Credit allowance for the interruption of Service is subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this Tariff. Customers shall receive no credit allowance for the interruption of service which is due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer. The Customer should notify the Company when the Customer is aware of any interruption in Service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission within Customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer in connection with the Company's Services.
- 2.6.2. No credit is allowed in the event service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.

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- 2.6.3. No credit shall be allowed:
 - 2.6.3.A. For failure of services or facilities of Customer; or
 - 2.6.3.B. For failure of services or equipment caused by the negligence or willful acts of Customer.
- 2.6.4. Credit for an interruption shall commence after Customer notifies Company of the interruption and ceases when services have been restored.
- 2.6.5. Credits are applicable only to that portion of Service interrupted.
- 2.6.6. For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
- 2.6.7. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.6.8. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at a rate of 1/720th of the monthly recurring charge for the service affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. Calculations of the credit shall be made in accordance with the following formula.

Credit Formula:

Credit =
$$\frac{A}{720}$$
 x B

"A" = outage time in hours

"B" = total monthly charge for affected facility

2.7. Use of Service

2.7.1 The Services offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose, including residential, business, governmental, or other use. There are no restrictions on sharing or resale of Services. However, the Customer remains liable for all obligations under this Tariff notwithstanding such sharing or resale and regardless of the Company's knowledge of same. The Company shall have no liability to any person or entity other than the Customer and only as set forth in Section 2.3. The Customer shall not use nor permit others to use the Service in a manner that could interfere with Services provided to others or that could harm the facilities of the Company or others.

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- 2.7.2. Service furnished by the Company may be arranged for joint use or authorized use. The joint user or Authorized User shall be permitted to use such Service in the same manner as the Customer, but subject to the following:
 - 2.7.2.A. One joint user or Authorized User must be designated as the Customer.
 - 2.7.2.B. All charges for the Service will be computed as if the Service were to be billed to one Customer. The joint user or Authorized User which has been designated as the Customer will be billed for all components of the Service and will be responsible for all payments to the Company. In the event that the designated Customer fails to pay the Company, each joint user or Authorized User shall be liable to the Company for all charges incurred as a result of its use of the Company's Service.
- 2.7.3. In addition to the other provisions in this Tariff, Customers reselling Company Services shall be responsible for all interaction and interface with their own subscribers or customers. The provision of the Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between Company and Customer nor result in a joint communications Service offering to the Customers of either the Company or the Customer.
- 2.7.4. Service furnished by the Company shall not be used for any unlawful or fraudulent purposes.
- 2.7.5. The Customer will be billed directly by the LEC for certain Dedicated Access arrangements selected by the Customer for the provisioning of direct access arrangements. In those instances where the Company at the Customer's request may act as agent in the ordering of such arrangements, the Company will bill the Customer Local Access charges.
- 2.8. Payment Arrangements
- 2.8.1. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Services furnished to the Customer or its joint or Authorized Users. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's Service or Customer provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.
- 2.8.2. The Company's bills are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 30 days from the Bill Date of the invoice will be considered past due. Customers will be assessed a late fee on past due amounts in the amount not to exceed the maximum lawful rate under applicable state law. If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require that Customer to pay its bills within a specified number of days and to make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.

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- 2.8.3. In determining whether a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment, the Company shall consider the following factors: (A) the Customer's payment history (if any) with the Company and its affiliates, (B) Customer's ability to demonstrate adequate ability to pay for the Service, (C) credit and related information provided by Customer, lawfully obtained from third parties or publicly available, and (D) information relating to Customer's management, owners and affiliates (if any).
- 2.8.4. Disputes with respect to charges must be presented to the Company in writing within 180 days from the date the invoice is rendered or such invoice will be deemed to be correct and binding on the Customer.
- 2.8.5. If a LEC has established or establishes a Special Access surcharge, the Company will bill the surcharge beginning on the effective date of such surcharge for Special Access arrangements presently in Service. The Company will cease billing the Special Access surcharge upon receipt of an Exemption Certificate or if the surcharge is removed by the LEC.
- 2.8.6. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.
- 2.8.7. Company will not require deposits or advance payments by Customers for Services.

2.9. Assignment

2.9.1. The obligations set forth in this Tariff shall be binding upon and mure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors or assigns, provided, however, the Customer shall not assign or transfer its rights or obligations without the prior written consent of the Company.

2.10. Tax and Fee Adjustments

- 2.10.1. All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.
- 2.10.2. If at any future time a municipality acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.

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- 2.10.3. If at any future time a county or other local taxing authority acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such county or other taxing authority. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.
- 2.10.4. When utility or telecommunications assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, excise, or other similar taxes or fees, based on interstate or intrastate receipts are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company or upon local exchange companies and passed on to the Company through or with interstate or intrastate access charges, the amounts of such taxes or fees will be billed to Customers in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated basis. The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the interstate or intrastate telecommunications service provided to and billed to an end user/customer service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company.
- 2.10.5. When any municipality, or other political subdivision, local agency of government, or department of public utilities imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable, be billed pro rata to the Company's Customers receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission.
- 2.10.6. The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amount it is required by governmental or quasi-government authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund, the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, and compensation to payphone service providers for use of their payphones to access the Company's services.

2.11. Method for Calculation of Airline Mileage

2.11.1. The airline mileage between two cities can be calculated using the Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates of the serving wire centers associated with the Company's POP locations. The method for calculating the airline mileage is obtained by reference to AT&T's Tariff F.C.C. No. 10 in accordance with the following formula:

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$$\frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}$$

where V1 and H1 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 1 and V2 and H2 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 2.

Example:

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City 1	5004	1406
City 2	5987	3424

$$\frac{(5004-5987)^2 + (1406-3424)^2}{10}$$

The result is 709.83 miles. Any fractional miles are rounded to the next higher whole number; therefore, the airline mileage for this example is 710 miles.

2.12. Time of Day Rate Periods

2.12.1. Time of Day Rate Periods are determined by the time of day at the location of the Calling Station.

The rates shown in Section 4 apply as follows:

DAY:

From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

EVENING:

From 5:01 PM to 11:00 PM Monday - Friday and Sunday

NIGHT/

WEEKEND:

From 11:01 PM to 8:00 AM Everyday From 8:01 AM to 11:00 PM Saturday From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

2.13. Special Customer Arrangements

2.13.1. In cases where a Customer requests a special or unique arrangement which may include engineering, conditioning. Installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special Services not offered under this Tariff, the Company, at this option, may provide the requested Services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or Nonrecurring Charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the Customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

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- 2.14. Inspection
- 2.14.1. The Company may, upon notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the requirements of this Tariff are being complied with in the Installation, operation or maintenance of Customer or the Company equipment. The Company may interrupt the Service at any time, without penalty to the Company, should Customer violate any provision herein.
- 2.15. Customer Inquires and Complaints
- 2.15.1. Customers may direct inquiries and complaints to the Company or the Commission by using the address and toll free number set forth below:

TELECOMEZ CORP. 113 A-3 Coronado Court Fort Collins, CO 80525 (888) 830-6890 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501 (800) 332-1782

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3. <u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>

- 3.1. Wide Area ("WATS") and Message ("MTS") Toll Services
- 3.1.1. The Company offers WATS and MTS intrastate interexchange long distance service utilizing switched or dedicated access arrangements between the Customers Premises and the Company's facilities for call origination. Call termination is completed through a combination of Company facilities and LEC switched access arrangements.
- 3.2. Switched Inbound Service
- 3.2.1. Switched inbound service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location utilizing premium switched, Feature Group D access on both ends.
- 3.3. Switched Outbound Service
- 3.3.1. Switched outbound services permits outward calling utilizing premium switched Feature Group D access on both the originating and terminating ends.
- 3.4. <u>Dedicated Inbound Service</u>
- 3.4.1. Dedicated inbound service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location featuring the use of a dedicated, special access type connection on the terminating end. The Customer shall be responsible for all LEC charges in addition to the Recurring, Non-recurring and Usage charges set forth hereinafter.
- 3.5. Dedicated Outbound Service
- 3.5.1. Dedicated outbound service permits outward calling to stations in diverse service areas. Dedicated outbound service is distinguished from other services by the existence of a dedicated, special access connection on one end. The Customer shall be responsible for all LEC charges in addition to the Recurring, Non-recurring and Usage charges set forth hereinafter.
- 3.6. <u>Calling Card Service</u>
- 3.6.1. The Company's Calling Card Service permits Customers to place long distance calls utilizing Company issued Calling Cards for billing purposes.

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3.7. Timing of Calls

- 3.7.1. Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the Calling Station and the Called Station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
- 3.7.2. Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is sixty (60) seconds. In addition, unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, usage is measured thereafter in sixty (60) second increments and rounded to the next higher sixty (60) second period.
- 3.8. Minimum Call Completion Rate
- 3.8.1. A Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all services.

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4. RATES AND CHARGES

4.	1.	Usage	Rates

4.1.1. The following are the per minute usage charges which apply to all calls. These charges are in addition to the Non-recurring Charges and Recurring Charges referred to herein.

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4.2. Switched Inbound Usage Rates

BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.16	\$0.16

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4.4 Dedicated Inbound Usage Rates

BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

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THE REAL PROPERTY.	All	\$0.16	\$0.16

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4.5. <u>Dedicated Outbound Usage Rates</u>

BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Milcage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.16	\$0.16

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4.6. Calling Card Usage Rates

BUSINESS DAY EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND

Mileage	Initial 60 Seconds	Additional 60 Seconds
ALL	\$0.455	\$0.455

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4.7. Recurring Charges

4.7.1. Customers will incur the following monthly Recurring Charges:

SWITCHED ACCESS DEDICATED ACCESS

Per 800 Number	0	0
Accounting Codes(non-verified)	0	0
Authorization Codes/BTN (verified)	0	0
Authorization Code change/add/delet	e 0	0
Monthly Recurring Charge Per T-1	Distance Dependence	Distance Dependence
Monthly Billing Charge	\$5 Minimum	\$5 Minimum

4.8. Non-recurring Charges

4.8.1. Customers will incur the following monthly Non-recurring Charges:

SWITCHED	ACCESS	DEDICATED	ACCESS
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Per 800 Number	0	0
Accounting Codes(non-verified)	0	0
Authorization Codes/BTN (verified)	0	0
Authorization Code change/add/delete	\$5	\$5
Set and Installation Charge	Individual Basis	Individual Basis

4.9. Special Promotional Offering

4.9.1. The Company may from time to time engage in Special Promotional Offerings or Trial Service Offerings limited to certain dates, times or locations designed to attract new subscribers or increase subscriber usage when approved by Commission. Company will not have special promotional offerings for more than 90 days in any 12 month period. In all such cases, the rates charged will not exceed those specified in Section 4 hereof.

4.10. Emergency Calls

4.10.1. Customer shall configure its PBX or other switch vehicle from which a customer places a call so that 911 emergency calls, where available, and similar emergency calls will be automatically routed to the emergency answering point for the geographical location where the call originated without the intervention of Company.

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4.11. Payphone Use Service Charge

4.11.1. A Payphone Use Service Charge applies to each completed interLATA and intraLATA non-sent paid message made over a pay phone owned by a utility or Customer Owned Pay Telephone (COPT) Service. This includes calling card service, collect calls, calls billed to a third number, completed calls to Directory Assistance and Prepaid Card Service calls. This charge is collected on behalf of the pay phone owner. All Customers will pay the Company a per call service charge of \$0.40.

4.12. Universal Connectivity Charge

- 4.12.1. Services provided pursuant to this tariff are subject to an undiscountable monthly Universal Connectivity Charge. This monthly service charge is equal to 5.9% of the Customer's total net intrastate, interstate and international charges, after application of all applicable discounts and credits.
 - 4.12.1.A. The Company will waive the Universal Connectivity Charge with respect to specifically identified Company charges to the extent that the Customer demonstrates to the Company's reasonable satisfaction that:
 - 1. the Customer has filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator covering the twelfth month prior to the month for which the Customer seeks the waiver:
 - 2. the charges with respect to which the waiver is sought are for services purchased by Customer for resale; and
 - 3. the Customer will file a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator in which the reported billed revenues will include all billed revenues associated with the Customer's resale of services purchased from the Company.
 - 4.12.1.B. The Universal Connectivity Charge will not be waived with respect to:
 - 1. charges for services purchased by the Customer for its own use as an end user; or
 - 2. charges for which the bill date is on, prior to, or within fifteen days after, the date on which the Customer applies for a waiver with respect to those charges.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Berniece Pravecek, Mitchell, South Dakota, against Direct One Com.Long Distance Regarding Unauthorized Telecommunications Charges and Services.

Complainant alleges that she was billed on her credit card for long distance services that were not authorized. Complainant believes that the company should be heavily fined and not be certified in the state of South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed 09/17/01 Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Resale Agreement between Qwest Corporation TC01-149 and Cl2 Inc.

On September 13, 2001, the Commission received for approval a filing of Resale Interconnection Agreement between Cl2 and Qwest Corporation f/k/a US West Communications, Inc. (Qwest). According to the parties the Agreement is a negotiated agreement which sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Qwest will provide services for resale to CI2, all for the sole purpose of providing telecommunications services. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than October 3, 2001. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 09/13/01

Initial Comments Due: 10/03/01

In the Matter of the Application of TelecomEZ Corp. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide TC01-150 Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

TelecomEZ Corp has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. TelecomEZ seeks authority to offer a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, TelecomEZ seeks authority to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed 09/17/01

Intervention Deadline: 10/05/01

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OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)	AUTHORITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC01-150

On September 17, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from TelecomEZ Corp. (TelecomEZ).

TelecomEZ proposes to offer a full range of "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a resale basis. Specifically, TelecomEZ seeks authority to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services. A proposed tariff was filed by TelecomEZ. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On September 20, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 5, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its November 27, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered TelecomEZ's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TelecomEZ not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that TelecomEZ has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. TelecomEZ has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves TelecomEZ's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that TelecomEZ not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this ______ day of December, 2001.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By Allane Fall

Date 12/7/01

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A BURG Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted as of the date of the Order Granting Certificate of Authority

Docket No. TC01-150

This is to certify that

TELECOMEZ CORP.

is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of Alexander, 2001.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner